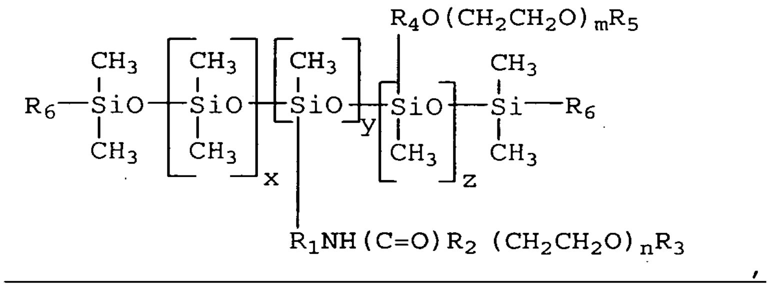
IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A hair conditioning composition comprising by weight:

(a) from about 0.01% to about 10% of a thickening polymer system selected from the group consisting of a cationic thickening polymer, a nonionic thickening polymer, and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.05% to about 10% of a cationic surfactant system wherein the cationic surfactant system is a saturated mono-alkyl trimethyl ammonium salt, wherein the alkyl group has 12 to 28 carbon atoms, and

(c) from about 0.1% to about 20% of a silicone compound wherein the silicone compound is a hydrophobically modified amidomethicone copolyol having a formula



$$R_6-\underset{CH_3}{\overset{CH_3}{Si}}O-\left[\underset{CH_3}{\overset{CH_3}{Si}}O\right]_x-\left[\underset{R_1NH(C=O)R_2(CH_2CH_2O)_nR_3}{\overset{CH_3}{Si}}O\right]_y-\left[\underset{CH_3}{\overset{R_4O(CH_2CH_2O)_mR_5}{Si}}O\right]_z-\underset{CH_3}{\overset{CH_3}{Si}}-R_6$$

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wherein R_1, R_2, R_4 are C1-C3 alkyl, R_3 is an alkyl group having 8-22 carbon atoms; R_5 is H or C1-C3 alkyl; R_6 is OH or CH_3; n is an integer of 1-10; m is an integer of 2-20; n+m=3-30; x is an integer from 200 to 500; y is an integer from 5 to 40; and z is 0 or an integer from 1 to 30;

(d) an aqueous carrier;

wherein the composition is transparent or translucent and further wherein the composition is substantially free of a water-insoluble high melting point oily compound and an anionic compound.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is transparent.

4. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 1 wherein the cationic thickening polymer is a cationic guar polymer, and the nonionic thickening polymer is a nonionic guar polymer.

5. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 4 wherein the cationic guar polymer has a molecular weight of from about 100,000 to about 3,000,000, and the nonionic guar polymer has a molecular weight of from about 1,000,000 to about 4,000,000.

6. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 4 wherein the thickening polymer comprises: from about 0.1% to about 4%, by weight of the composition, of the cationic guar polymer; and from about 0.1% to about 3%, by weight of the composition, of the nonionic guar polymer.

7. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 1 comprising from about 0.6% to about 3% of the thickening system.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 1 wherein the cationic surfactant has a mono-alkyl chain having from 16 to 22 carbon atoms.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 1 further comprising from about 0.1% to about 20% of a humectant.

14. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 1 further comprising from about 0.01% to about 10% of a cationic hair conditioning polymer.

15. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 1 having a viscosity of from about 2,000 to about 50,000mPa·s.

16. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of claim 1 which is for rinse-off use.

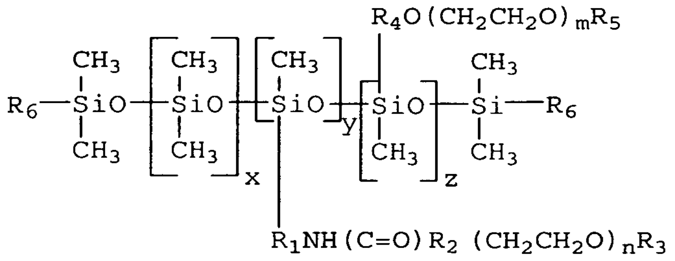
17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) A hair conditioning composition comprising by weight:

(a) from about 0.5% to about 5% of a thickening polymer system selected from the group consisting of a cationic thickening polymer, a nonionic thickening polymer, and mixtures thereof;

(b) from about 0.25% to about 7% of a cationic surfactant system wherein the cationic surfactant system is a saturated mono-alkyl trimethyl ammonium salt, wherein the alkyl group has 12 to 28 carbon atoms;

(c) from about 0.1% to about 10% of a silicone compound wherein the silicone compound is a hydrophobically modified amidomethicone copolyol having a formula



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(d) an aqueous carrier;

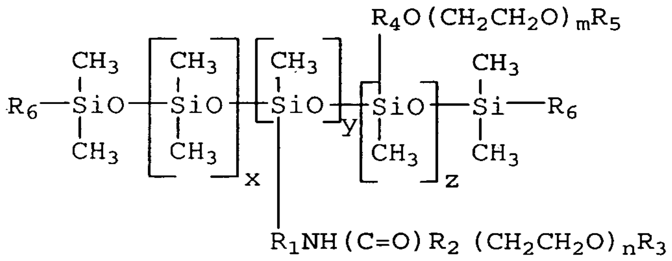
wherein the composition is transparent or translucent and further wherein the composition is substantially free of a water-insoluble high melting point oily compound and an anionic compound.

19. (Currently amended) A hair conditioning composition comprising by weight:

(a) from about 0.5% to about 5% of a non-ionic thickening polymer;

(b) from about 0.25% to about 7% of a cationic surfactant system wherein the cationic surfactant system is a saturated mono-alkyl trimethyl ammonium salt, wherein the alkyl group has 12 to 28 carbon atoms;

(c) from about 0.1% to about 10% of a silicone compound wherein the silicone compound is a hydrophobically modified amidomethicone copolyol having a formula



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(d) an aqueous carrier;

wherein the composition is transparent or translucent and further wherein the composition is substantially free of a water-insoluble high melting point oily compound, an anionic compound, and a cationic thickening polymer.

20. (Original) The hair conditioning composition of Claim 19 wherein the nonionic thickening polymer is a nonionic thickening guar polymer.